and water on himself. All the food, cutlery and glasses were strewn an other him and were cleared by the cabin attendents. After that, the passenger slept in a drunken state. No action has been taken by Indian Airlines against him.

Estimates Committee's recommendation on vesting more powers to service chiefs

2335. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Estimates Committee of the Parliament had recommended vesting of greater powers to the three Chiefs of Staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken thereon;

(d) whether an inter-Ministerial Committee reviewed the delegation of powers to service Headquarters and lower echelons in the services; and

(e) if so, the details of the specific recommendations made by the inter-Ministerial Committee and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The Estimates Committee of Parliament in its Report has referred to the issue of enhanced delegation of powers to the Chiefs of Staff. The delegation of financial powers to the Services is reviewed from time to time and enhancements as are considered necessary are ordered.

(d) and (e) The Government have considered the inter-Ministerial Committee's Report and substantive recommendations of the Committee have been accepted. Accordingly, financial powers delegated to various authorities in Services Head quarters and lower echelons in the Services have been enhanced.

Indo-Russian collaboration for aviation venture

2336. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of Prime Minister to Russia, an agreement was signed for setting up an Indo-Russian Collaboration for aviation venture;

(b) if so, the details of the contemplated project and its objectives; and

(c) the steps taken so far and being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) An agreement on formation of a joint venture company by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), in collaboration with Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) alongwith certain Russian organisations was signed on 30 June, 1994 during the visit of Prime Minister to Moscow. The scope of activities of the Joint venture company covers warehousing of aviation stores and servicing, repair, modification, etc. of aeronautical equipment. The company is in the process of being incorporated in India and parallely various steps for its business development have been initiated.

Implementation of Pension Schemes in Defence Cantonment Bodies

2337. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rules of liberalised pension or family pension schemes are not being strictly followed by various defence cantonment bodies;

(b) whether these cantonments have been working under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Defence or Director General of Defence Estates;